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**WHILE ATTENDING COURT, CALL ON THE DEMOCRAT PRINTING HOUSE.**

**PUBLISHING TAX ROLLS.**

As the tax roll publication seems to be worrying some people a great deal just now, we occasionally mention it when in conversation with people, and a few days ago were informed that in the state of Illinois, which by the way seems to be pretty near unanimously republican, there was a state law governing this sort of a proposition. We therefore inquired, and find that the real estate rolls are published once every four years, real estate being only assessed that often, and the personal roll is published every year. It is done by authority of a state law, which says that the publication shall be made on or before July 10th, in some public newspaper published in the county. The price paid is three cents per name or tract of land, and the personal assessment is simply published by giving the name of the individual and the amount of assessed valuation, just as contemplated by our board of county commissioners. It appears to us that our board when they made that "queer" order, had a pretty good example set before them in the shape of a legislative enactment in the state of Illinois. We have a sample copy of a paper showing a publication, and shall be pleased to show it to anyone who desires to see it.

**To The Cattlemen of Southwestern Kans.**

The undesirable conditions which have existed at the various live stock markets for some time have caused every grower and feeder of cattle, to give this question serious thought. Supply and demand is not taken into account in fixing the price of cattle on the hoof. We believe it is the rule of cause and effect. We believe we know the cause. It is a lack of competition in the buying, brought about by a combination of the packers of the United States. Now what to do to effect a change to relieve conditions from our view point is the question.

The Independent Packing company recently organized by the cattlemen, believe they have a remedy. It is legitimate and healthy competition which does not now exist. If a sufficient number of men, who are engaged in the live stock business, will interest themselves in completing this organization, the promoters are certain of good results. The stockmen are a widely scattered body of men, and it is difficult to reach them, and fully explain in detail the plans of this new company. In order to assist this worthy cause, the live stock men of Dodge City will undertake to gather the stockmen of southwestern Kansas and Oklahoma into a convention, to be held at Dodge City, Kas., on Thursday March 31, 1904.

At this meeting representatives of the Independent Packing company will be present, and explain in detail all they expect to accomplish for the purpose of bettering conditions, now complained of. Also some of the benefits to the cattle industry generally. Believing that this meeting is in our interest and will benefit the cause in which we are now engaged, we therefore ask all persons whose interests are affected by the present deplorable conditions, to attend this meeting.

G. M. Hoover W. J. Fitzgerald  
W. A. Morgan G. W. Reighard  
A. J. Anthony Geo. C. Laird  
Victor Carson C. M. Beeson  
J. H. Churchill H. B. Bell  
R. M. Wright H. T. Garner  
Dr. C. A. Milton.

Why does not some enterprising painter who is handy at writing signs take a drive over the rural routes and paint names on the boxes for the farmers? A man could pretty near paint all the boxes on each route in a day, and we doubt if any patron would hesitate at paying 25 cents to have his name put on.

Wissman and wife were callers at this office Wednesday. Mr. Wissman got him a supply of printed stationery.

**Kansas Storms Killed the Hessian Fly.**

Arkansas City, Kas.—Farmers of this section who have had trouble with the Hessian fly report the complete disappearance of the pest since the wind storm last Wednesday. They say that the warm weather had hatched out the young flies and before they were able to fly were caught by the wind and sand and a large part of them were blown away or killed. The heavy rain that followed the wind drowned all that remained. They were found dead next morning by the thousand. Many farmers believe the fly can do very little damage in the remainder of the season.

**The Athenian Club.**

The Athenians met in the new Club Rooms of the Y. M. P. C. and found them pleasantly and comfortably situated. Mrs. Elizabeth Baker led the class study with a description of The Youth and early writings of Schiller.

Goethe's and Schiller's Co-operation, Mrs. Alice Cox.  
Schiller's later writings at death, Review of "The Herder," "The Alpine Hunter," and Goethe's Epilogue to the "Song of the Bell," Mrs. Nora Zutavern.

Adjourned to meet with Mrs. Jennie Castle, March 21st. Mrs. Stauffer leader.

**Progress Club.**

The Progress Club met on Monday March 14, with Mrs. E. R. Moses.

The program was principally devoted to Spenser and his Fairy Queen.

Plan and structure of the Fairy Queen, Mrs. Poole.  
Readings from the Fairy Queen "Una and the Lion," Mrs. Townsley. The Care of Mammon and The Bower of Bliss, Miss Poole.

Reading from Sir Thos. Mallory's "Morte de Arthur," Mrs. Seward Moses.

Piano Solo, Mrs. E. R. Moses. Roll Call, Early English Prose. Hostess next week, Mrs. Stoke.

**Pulled Out of Bed.**

That is what happened to Wilford Burson Monday evening. About thirty members of the Workmen and Degree of Honor assembled at the home of Wilford and his mother Monday evening, without an invitation or a warning of their approach.

Mrs. Burson was busy entertaining some of the neighbors, and Wilford was in bed dreaming about flying switches, pulled out draw bars, spotting cars, and other things. The crowd went prepared with plenty of ice cream and trimmings, and left none in sight when they went home. Flinch, muggins, whist, pitch and any other old thing you might mention in way of a game, even menagerie with Ed Crocker as the de(a)er, were played, and everybody had a good time.

The tragic death of Herman Remert and wife, with all the sad circumstances of causes and effects, has cast a deep gloom upon the neighborhood in which they lived. It again demonstrates the fact that we know not when death is hovering over us. Surrounded by all reasonable comforts of life; possessing an abundance of means to successfully pursue his chosen avocation; having an interesting family of children, and a faithful, loving wife, this man was pursued by a relentless demon of insanity that hurried him in swift stages from peaceful industry to fatal death. It caused him to not only deprive his little ones of a father's support, but to doubly breaave them by taking away in the same fatal minute, the tender and more needed care of a mother. The vagaries of a mind diseased, are certainly terrible to contemplate.

Jim Keenan came in from Kansas City Wednesday evening for a visit with his mother and other relatives and friends. He has been located at Globe Arizona Ty., for some time. This is his first visit here in seven years, since which time many changes have taken place here, but he has not changed much himself.

Mrs. Remert's brother and his wife came in from Missouri, Tuesday, in time to be present at the funeral, which was held at 1:30 Tuesday afternoon. Other relatives from Missouri were unable to come.

Hoisington people are celebrating the first anniversary of the dedication of their Y. M. C. A. building. T. H. White of Jacksonville, Ill., is in the city on a visit to his daughter, Mrs. W. D. Gould and family.

**CLAFLIN HAPPENINGS.**

Special to the RUSTLER, March 16.

R. L. Hamilton and Frank Grizzell left this morning for Salina to attend the Shriner degree in the Masonic order.

Jim Bagrow is visiting friends in Clafin this week.

Ted Seder was taken suddenly sick this evening. He is under the doctor's care.

Geo. F. Marston and Josie A. Sempier were married this afternoon at 3 o'clock, by Rev. W. E. Scott at the M. E. parsonage.

Mr. Watson and family are here from Sterling, looking after business interests.

L. E. Hale drove over from Bush ton this afternoon.

Mr. Knorr and wife are the happy parents of a 12 pound boy.

The Christian church people are giving a Leap Year social in the Carey hall this evening. Benefit of the church.

Chas. Ward is seriously ill at his home.

**PIONEER, STAFFORD CO.**

Miss Flora Keller of Reno County is here visiting relatives and old neighbors. Mr. F. A. Broadbooks has purchased a nice new buggy.

Bunk Wetzig started Monday to Edwards County to build a house on the land he purchased there. Lee Hickman went along to help do the carpenter work.

Mrs. Hickman has gone to Kansas City to take treatment for rheumatism.

Mrs. Lee Hickman visited from Friday morning till Monday, with Mr. Frieke in the Victor district.

Little Archie Fullerton is still very sick.

Mrs. Rice is on the sick list.

Jessie Miller is the happiest man in the state since his wife and children have come back from California.

The literary closed last Thursday night. They are thinking of having an entertainment the last day of school, April 1st.

In reply to the Cheyenne notes. He says can it be that Pioneer and 72 are envious of card parties. Nay no, not at all, not by any means. We girls have a better way entertaining our selves than playing cards and I think most of the young men do.

Mr. Blakeslee expects to commence building this week on his new house.

**Council Proceedings.**

Council Chamber, Great Bend, Kansas, March 14, 1904.

Council met in adjourned session, present Mayor Moses, councilmen H. J. Smith, H. E. Dean, B. S. Dale, Jacob Rediger, Alfred Miller and Fred A. Newcombe.

Petition for the improvement of Broadway and Lakin avenue between First street and east end of said streets, presented.

Resolved that the ordinance committee be instructed to report an ordinance to the April meeting requiring property owners on Broadway and Lakin avenue between East and First streets, to set out and maintain a row of trees not more than 25 feet apart and 12 feet from property line. Adopted.

Improvement committee reported condemning sidewalks on west side of Main street in front of lot 4, block 103. Also condemning the board walk and stone walk that is made of small stones along block 7, A. V. T. Co. Addition.

B. S. Dale and J. Rediger were appointed committee to take charge of the cannon and have them properly mounted. W. TORREY, Clerk.

**An Elopement.**

On Tuesday B. F. Marcot, a young man about 23, and a Miss Barrett, aged 16, ran away to Larned and were married. Marcot had been working for Mr. Barrett, on the Moses ranch, and the intimacy between him and the young lady was opposed by her parents. After they were gone the father swore out a warrant for Marcot's arrest. He was put in jail, but afterwards turned loose. The girl was taken home by her parents to be kept a couple of days, at the end of which time the agreement with the sheriff is that, if she still wants to go with her husband the parents are not to restrain her.

**LAW CONSTITUTIONAL.**

The old soldier law, about which much has been said the past two years, has been declared valid by the supreme court. The decision is:

"Section 1 of chapter 186 of the laws of 1901, which provides that those who have served in the army and navy of the United States in the war of the Rebellion and have been honorably discharged shall be preferred for appointment to office in every public department and upon all public works of the state and of the cities and towns thereof, is constitutional."

**WE ARE HERE FOR BUSINESS.**

For your benefit. Do you want to see us?

We are the agents for the Harrison Mutual Burial Association, and are here to institute and establish a branch association in Barton County. This is something that will interest you, because there is money in it for you.

Please read a part of the by-laws, which we give below.

We shall call on each and every one of you, men, women, and children for you to join this Association. Don't put it off, but join at once.

We will remain here for a few days and if you want to be a member of this Association, we can assure you that it is the cheapest and the best that has ever been offered in this country. We are establishing them in every large city.

You will find us at the office of the E. R. Moses Mercantile Co. Leave word with them.

HARRISON MUTUAL BURIAL ASSOCIATION.

These articles of this Association are made, adopted and signed for the purpose of forming an Association to provide for the payment of funeral expenses for the members thereof.

ARTICLE 1. The name of this Association shall be "The Harrison Mutual Burial Association" of Great Bend and Barton County, Kansas.

ART. 2. The object of this Association shall be to provide a plan for the payment, by assessment, of the funeral expenses of each member to the amount of One Hundred Dollars for each member ten years of age or over, and Fifty dollars for each member under ten years of age.

ART. 3. Any person in good health between the age of one and seventy may become a member of this Association by paying an initiation fee of ten cents for those over ten years of age, and five cents for those under ten years of age.

ART. 6. On the death of a member over ten years of age, each member of the Association over ten years of age shall be assessed the sum of twelve cents, ten cents of this to be as funeral expenses, and two cents for paying for collection and other expenses. And on the death of a member under ten years of age each member of the Association over ten years of age shall be assessed the sum of six cents, five cents as funeral expenses and one cent for collection and other expenses. And failure to pay any assessment for twenty days shall forfeit membership.

ART. 9. It shall be the duty of the Secretary and Treasurer to collect all assessments, but no compensation shall be paid him for such service except what is allowed by these articles nor shall any salary be paid to any officer.

F. V. RUSSELL, President.  
ROBERT MERTEN, Vice-President.  
E. R. MOSES, Sec'y and Treas.  
E. R. MOSES MERC. CO. Association Embalmers.

**TO THE READER.**

You will see that this is a protection to every man and his family at a very small expense. It is so easy that anybody can be a member of this Association without burdening himself or family. Do not hesitate or wait too long, but join this Association—the sooner the better. You do not know what may happen to you. Be protected and be prepared for the emergency.

**That Mo. P. Wreck.**

As a freight train, in charge of Conductor Argeter, of Hoisington, was coming east Tuesday morning on Brownell hill, near Brownell, Ness county, the rails spread, and thirteen cars went off the track. None of the train men were injured, but two men who were stealing ties were killed.

Mr. Ruggles and family are receiving a visit from their daughter from the western part of the state.

**RAINFALL IN KANSAS.**

Statement of the Weather Bureau For a Series of Years.

In the Daily Droyer's Telegram of the 14th we find the following report that will be of interest to many of our readers: In consequence of the wonderful acceleration in agriculture being experienced in Western Kansas and the rapid advance of the "wheat belt" across its hitherto undeveloped territory, interest in the climatology of this region and a desire to know the facts relative thereto are being awakened.

In studying the adaptability of a climate to the requirements of any particular crop, only the data for the germinating and growing season should be considered. For facility in this work figures for each month and each quarter of the year have been compiled.

Amounts of moisture that would not be sufficient to be of great practical value in the hot months are frequently of very great importance when received by the soil at a more favorable season. Heavy snow slowly melted, or a gradual soaking rain at a time of comparatively inactive evaporation, is more beneficial than the heavy downpours so common to the summer months. In this connection not that the large wheat yields of 1892 and 1893, were produced under conditions of deficient rainfall, not only for the year, but for the crop season as well.

**SUMMARY.**

Precipitation: Average annual precipitation for 29 years, 20.35 inches.

The average for the first quarter year, 2.07 inches.

Average for the third quarter year, 7.19 inches.

Total amount in the wettest year, 33.30 inches in 1881.

Total amount in the driest year, 10.12 inches in 1893.

Total in the wettest first quarter year, 4.57 inches in 1891.

Total amount in the driest first quarter year, 0.04 inches in 1880.

Total in the wettest second quarter year, 16.97 inches in 1881.

Total in the driest second quarter year, 2.11 inches in 1893.

Total in the wettest third quarter year, 11.45 inches in 1884.

Total in the driest third quarter year, 2.95 inches in 1893.

Total in the wettest fourth quarter year, 8.26 inches in 1877.

Total in the driest fourth quarter year, 0.15 inches in 1875.

Wettest month was May, 1881, with 12.82 inches.

Driest month was December, 1880 with none.

Greatest average monthly number of rainy days, 10 in June.

Least average monthly number of rainy days, 4 in January and November.

Temperature: Annual mean, 54 degrees; warmest month in July, with an average of 78 degrees; coldest month in January with an average of 28 deg.

**Brimstone.**

Sand storms are still raging.

Wheat is standing the drought well and good prospects of a wheat crop.

Corn husking is almost over, people are ready for spring work.

Two of our Mt. Pleasant boys are getting gamey they are making Sunday calls at Mr. Burnett's residence.

The beeroot society met at J. Tonkin's last Friday night and several got turned down.

There was a disappointment at the sale last Thursday. There was a race expected between J. S. Pipers fast gray, and a horse from K. C. But the K. C. horse did not show up. I guess the K. C. man has heard the record of snorts and got scared out. J. S. brought his clerk and two judges home feeling very sad over the disappointment.

Last Saturday, Dr. Archibald sent to town after two boards to enlarge his office. He sent in with Babe Hewitt.

**Knights Templar Election.**

At the annual convlave of St. Omer Commandery held at their asylum on Tuesday evening, the following officers were elected and installed: F. Vernon Russell, E. C.; R. A. Charles, Gen.; Chas. G. Morrison, C. G.; Rev. Wm. Sutherland, Prelate; G. N. Moses, S. W.; Dr. A. H. Connitt, J. W.; Robert Merten, Treas.; Wm. Torrey, Recorder, C. L. Moses, Standard Bearer, C. S. Allison, Sword Bearer; F. S. Mitchell, Warder.

**Preparing to Build.**

The members of the A. M. E. church are preparing to put up a new building in a short time. They will ask for assistance in raising more funds, but request that no money be paid or pledged except to parties who are duly authorized by the signatures of the pastor or trustees to receive same.

**THE MARKETS.**

**KANSAS CITY—GRAIN.**

(By the Western Union Telegraph)

**The Grain Market.**

March 17.—Wheat followed the decline of yesterday by making another slight one today, although it rallied considerably from the opening prices this morning. May wheat opened at 84, as against the close of 84 1/2 yesterday. It then went up to 84 1/2, dropped back a quarter or to 84, and closed at 85, flat, or three quarters of a cent below last night. The opening price of 84 cents was the lowest price touched today, and the highest was 85 1/2.

July wheat opened at 79 1/2, having closed last night at 80 1/2, and then up to 79 1/2, then down to 79 1/2, and closed 79 1/2 to 80, bid. 80 was the high point reached, and 78 1/2 the low.

September closed at 73 to 72 1/2, as against 74 1/2 yesterday.

No. 2 soft wheat sold at \$1.00.

Kansas City cash was 90 to 91 1/2.

There was not much change in the corn market. May corn closed last night at 45 1/2, and opened this morning at 45 1/2, then went up to 45 1/2, then dropped to 45 1/2, and closed at 45 1/2 to 46, or just about where it stood last night. It went as high during the day's trading as 45 1/2, and was as low as 45.

July corn closed last night at 44 1/2 to 45, and opened today at 44 1/2, then went up to 44 1/2, where it stood for some time and finally closed at 44 1/2 to 45 bid. The lowest point reached today was 44 1/2, and the high point 45 1/2.

No. 2 corn sold at 44, and mixed oats at 44 1/2.

**Kansas City Live Stock Market.**

March 17.—The stock market was rather weak today, nearly everything going lower than yesterday. The receipts of cattle today were 5,000, which included 300 head of Texas stock. The official receipts for yesterday were 11,005, and the shipments were 4160. The market opened slow, and continued dull all day, and closed a little weaker. The prices ranged as follows: Texas steers \$3.35 to \$4.20, Texas cows \$2.00 to \$3.25, native steers \$3.75 to \$5.30, native cows and heifers \$1.50 to \$4.25, stockers and feeders \$3.00 to \$4.50, bulls \$2.50 to \$3.65.

The receipts of hogs for today were 7,000 as against 9549, the official figures for yesterday, and the shipments for yesterday were 268. At the opening they were about ten cents lower than yesterday's best prices, and ranged at \$4.75 to \$5.05 for rough mixed, \$5.20 to \$5.30 for heavy, \$4.90 to \$5.25 for mixed, and \$4.70 to \$5.10 for light stock. The closing was about the same as yesterday, not being very much change.

The sheep receipts today were 2,000 and the market was rather strong all day, and had a higher inclination at the close.

**Chicago Markets.**

May wheat opened 95 1/4, closed 94 1/2 high 95 1/4, low 94 1/4.

July wheat opened 90 1/4-90 closed 89 1/4-90.

**Great Bend Market.**

**GRAIN AND FEED.**

Great Bend grain buyers are offering the following today:

Wheat, No. 2.....18c over test  
Corn.....48c

**SEELING TODAY**

B'n.....80c per 100  
Shorts.....90c per 100  
Chop.....\$1.10 per 100

**POULTRY AND PRODUCE.**

Butter, country.....17 1/4c per lb.  
Butter, creamery.....28c per lb.  
Eggs.....12 1/4c per doz.  
Lard, country.....12 1/4c per lb.  
Potatoes.....\$1.10 per bu  
Hens.....7 1/4c per lb.  
Springs, Roosters.....4c per lb.  
Turkeys.....10c per lb.  
Ducks.....5c per lb.  
Geese.....5c per lb.